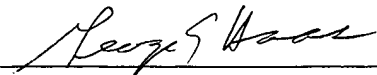
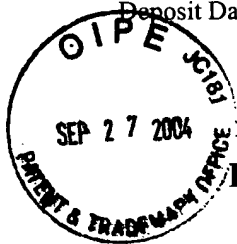


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Applicants: Kenneth C. Mennen *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/811,401

Filed: March 26, 2004

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**AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE  
TO CORRECT ORIGINALLY NAMED INVENTORS**

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Sir:

This is an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a) to correct an improper naming of inventors.

Please add the following previously unnamed person as an inventor in the above identified patent application:

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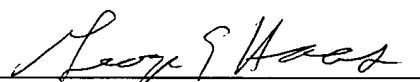
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Waukesha, WI 53189

Enclosed herewith is a document signed by Mr. Bertolasi stating that this error occurred without deceptive intent. Also accompanying is a declaration by all the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. '1.63 and the written consent of the assignee, Husco International, Inc.

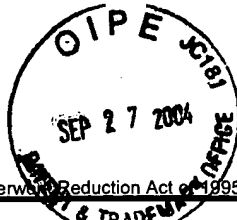
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Respectfully submitted  
Kenneth C. Mennen *et al*

Dated: September 22, 2004

By:   
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Name (Print/Type)	George E. Haas	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,642	Telephone	414-277-5000
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**STATEMENT OF PERSON SOUGHT  
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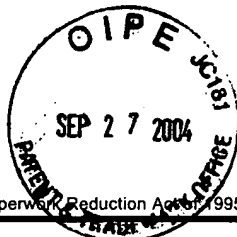
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Sir:

I, Brian R. Bertolasi, state that I was erroneously omitted from being named as an inventor on the above-identified patent application and that such error occurred without any deceptive intention on my or anyone else's part.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Bertolasi



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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
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Attorney Docket Number 470223.00013  
First Named Inventor Kenneth C. Mennen

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number 10/811,401  
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**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Automatic Hydraulic Load Leveling System for a Work Vehicle

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) March 26, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/811,401 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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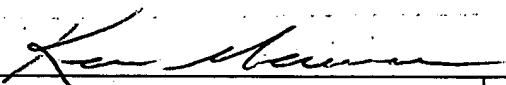
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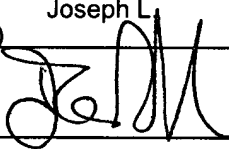
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**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**  
**Supplemental Sheet**  
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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION  
AND ADDITION TO ORIGINALLY NAMED INVENTORS**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Husco International, Inc. having a place of business at W239 N218 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha, WI 53187-0257 is the assignee of all right, title and interest in above-identified U.S. patent application. A copy of the assignment from Kenneth C. Mennen and Joseph L. Pfaff, the originally named inventors, is enclosed herewith. The original assignment was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the patent application, however the assignee has yet to be informed of its recordation.

Husco International, Inc. hereby consents to the change of inventorship being requested herewith in which Brian R. Bertolasi is to be added as an inventor.

Respectfully submitted  
Husco International, Inc.

Dated: August 24, 2004

By: Donald Reinicker

Name: Donald Reinicker

Title: Vice President



## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Kenneth C. Mennen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin** and **Joseph L. Pfaff of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin**, have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled **Automatic Hydraulic Load Leveling System for a Work Vehicle** executed by us on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining United States Letters Patent therefor, and

WHEREAS, **HUSCO International, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as said Company), a Delaware corporation having a place of business at **W329 N218 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187** is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all foreign countries and under all international agreements in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, all other applications hereafter filed in the United States, in any other country, or under any international agreement based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patents granted upon said applications by the United States, by any other country or under any international agreement, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and we hereby covenant that we, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, will when requested, communicate to said Company, its representatives, successors and assigns, all facts known respecting said inventions, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign or international applications, together with individual assignments therefor, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors and assigns, in the obtaining of Letters Patent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal at the location and on the date indicated with our signatures.

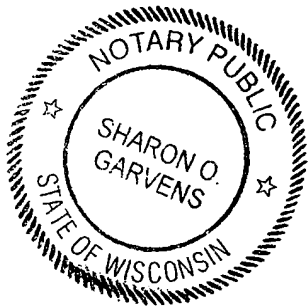
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 (SEAL)  
Kenneth C. Mennen

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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COUNTY OF WAUKESHA )

Before me on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, came Kenneth C. Mennen to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he acknowledges his execution thereof to be his free act and deed.

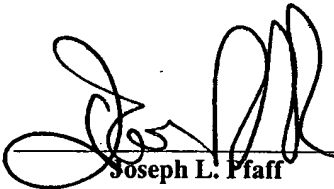
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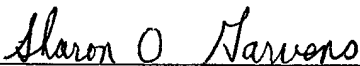
  
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Joseph L. Pfaff (SEAL)

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Before me on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, came Joseph L. Pfaff to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he acknowledges his execution thereof to be his free act and deed.

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Notary Public,  
State of Wisconsin

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